

October 2024 *TIPS*

A Newsletter From
Saint Timothy Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come and Worship!



Sunday School 9:15 – 10:15 am
Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am

St. Timothy ELCA is a community of faith creating
connection through the love of Jesus Christ

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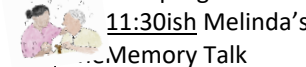
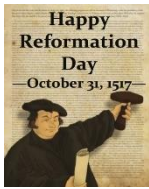
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p><u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion Evening Finance Committee</p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>7 pm</u> Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p><u>8:30 & 10:30am</u> Worship <u>9:15am</u> Christian Ed programs* <u>11:30ish</u> Melinda's Memory Talk <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p><u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p><u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7:30pm</u> Council</p>	<p>9</p> <p><u>10:30am</u> Knit & Crochet <u>7 pm</u> Bells rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p>12</p> <p><u>10:30 am</u> Bookworms</p> 
<p>13</p> <p><u>8:30 & 10:30am</u> Worship <u>9:15am</u> Christian Ed programs* <u>11:30am</u> Coffee Hour Youth Apple Picking <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p> TIPS deadline <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p><u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion <u>7 pm</u> Christian Ed Committee</p>	<p>16</p> <p> <u>10:30 am</u> Adult Book Group <u>10am</u> Hymn Sing @ SpringHills <u>7 pm</u> Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p><u>6pm</u></p>
<p>20</p> <p><u>8:30 & 10:30am</u> Worship <u>9:15am</u> Christian Ed programs* <u>11:30am</u> Coffee Hour <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p><u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p><u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>23</p> <p><u>10:30am</u> Knit & Crochet <u>7 pm</u> Bells rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><u>6 pm</u> AA</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p><u>9:30am</u> Worship <u>10:30am</u> Annual Budget Meeting Reformation Brunch <u>1pm</u> AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>All Saints booklet contribution deadline <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7 pm</u> Boy Scouts</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p><u>7 pm</u> Music rehearsal TBD</p>	<p>31</p> <p> Happy Reformation Day —October 31, 1517—</p>	<p>* Sunday Christian Ed programs include: Youth Sunday School & Confirmation Adult Christian Ed in the Bistro Adult Forum in Parlor</p>	<p>This month's Heart n' Hands item is</p>  <p>travel sized Body Wash or boxed Soap</p>





“division is real, but re-remembering is possible.”

– Sarah Bauer Anderson

A while back, my dad read Sarah Bauer Anderson’s book, “The Space Between Us: How Jesus Teaches Us To Live Together When Politics and Religion Pull Us Apart.” He promptly sent it to me with the directive, “This is good. Read it.” He was right. It was a good book for me to read. I absolutely did not agree with all of her theology or her politics, but the entire point of the book was engaging with people, who do not agree. Nothing could be more crucial for me as a Christian during this political season in the USA.

My favorite chapter is one in which she describes relationships like a rope that can be cut or torn apart. She imagines a relationship being like a rope that is connecting two people to one another. When conflict arises, the connection can be broken. But, then what happens when we put the rope back together? The rope is shorter once it is tied together than it had been as one long piece. The same can be true for the divisions between people. Conflict is inevitable. Resolving conflict requires that we try to understand one another better, which brings us closer together than we had been before. The rope is shorter. The distance between us is smaller.

Anderson wrote, “When the rope between believers was broken over differences, there was one thing that re-bound them to one another – something fundamental, and basic, and foundational to who they had been and who they would become. Their shared faith.” This only works, though, when we put our faith in Jesus Christ above our faith in any politician, party, or nation.

We do not vote to bring about the reign of God here in our country. We vote in order to live as citizens of both the realm of God and a very flawed human-led country. Jesus Christ isn’t on the ballot and he is the only one that can save us. So, in a very flawed system made up of very flawed people, do your best to vote in a way that honors the greatest commandments of loving God and neighbor.

I know that there are faithful Christians, who vastly disagree about who should be the next president of the USA. I have some pretty strong opinions about it myself, but the truth of the matter is the entire existence of our country is but a small blip in the history of the world and not even a factor at all to God’s cosmic plan of world redemption.

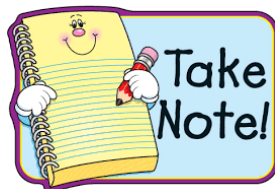
As Christians, voting is important, but not anywhere near as important as how we live our daily lives. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us that he *is* the hungry, the thirsty, the immigrant, the sick, and the prisoner. While voting does impact each of these groups, how we spend our time and money throughout our lives has a much greater impact. Jesus is telling us to care for our neighbors (which he defines as *everyone*) all the time and to the best of our ability.

On November 6, a lot of Christians are going to be unhappy, worried, and maybe even angry with the results of the election. If we aren’t careful, what we say to one another before, during, and after that day can cut the ropes that connect us to one another. But, please know that on November 10, we will be here ready to feast at the Lord’s Table and do the work to retie the connections. By the power of the Holy Spirit we can defy division and work to connect with the love of Jesus Christ.

A prayer for Responsible Citizenship (from the ELW)



Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY INFORMATION COLLECTION

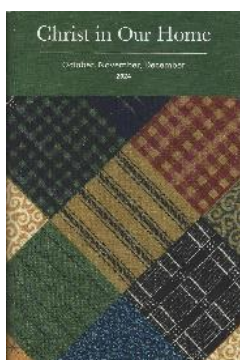
In preparation for the annual prayerful remembrance of loved ones who departed this earthly life, we invite you to submit information to be included in the upcoming All Saints Sunday booklet.



Sign-up will of course include a paper form and an online option ([click HERE](#)).

Forms are due no later than Monday, October 28th

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS



The 4th Quarter 2024 daily spiritual reflection booklets are now available scattered in several places around the church and buildings. Check out the selections on Everlasting Life, God's Sure Hand, Patience & Persistence, and more!

With October being Pastor Appreciation Month, there's even a dedicated prayer for Church Ministers!

CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Time to think Christmas for the men and women who sail the seven seas serving our needs. Holiday time can be lonely when far, far from home. Seafarers International House ministers to the people in port throughout the year, counseling, providing every facet of pastoral care. At Christmas, the chaplains visit ships in the harbor delivering gifts to over one thousand sailors. St. Timothy WELCA has been a partner in "Christmas at Sea" for many seasons. Please help us with giving of a donation from the list provided below:



Sweatshirt - M, L or XL

Socks - Crew

Large bar of chocolate, can of nuts or healthy snack bar

T-shirt - M, L or XL

Knitted winter cap

A box will be on the classroom level next to the elevator to capture our booty and make "Christmas at Sea" a success.

Sunday School Dates to Remember:

Oct. 13 – Middle & High School Family apple picking trip

Oct. 27 – Reformation Sunday 9:30am service
Followed by Brunch



TIPS ARTICLES ~ DEADLINE: OCTOBER 14TH



TIPS articles & input are due on the 2nd Monday of each month. Thank you, regular contributors, for your timeliness!

All members of the congregation are invited to send in news that they'd like shared with the St. Timothy community at any time of the year!

If you'd like a free business ad to appear on the end promotions page, please contact Deb in the office.

ST TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Endowment Fund Distributions
As of August 31, 2024

Please see the 2024 Endowment Fund Distributions of \$19,361.00 to LOCAL, NATIONAL, & GLOBAL entities in need:

Thank you to the Congregation's input & committee input
(although only 11 ballots were received, so would love to see more participation in the future!)

2185-00 · Endowment Fund - Payable

Type	Date	Num	Name	Paid Amount
General Journal	07/31/2024	Endowment	Endowment \$\$ Payable	19,361.00
Check	08/31/2024	9819	Heart 'n Hands Mission: <i>Local</i>	-3,226.83
Check	08/31/2024	9820	Lutheran World Relief: <i>Global</i>	-3,226.84
Check	08/31/2024	9821	Habitat for Humanity: <i>National</i>	-3,226.83
Check	08/31/2024	9822	Market Street Mission: <i>Local</i>	-1,613.42
Check	08/31/2024	9823	North Jersey Interfaith Cares: <i>Local</i>	-1,613.42
Check	08/31/2024	9824	Jazz House Kids: <i>Local</i>	-1,613.42
Check	08/31/2024	9825	New Hope Food Pantry: <i>Local</i>	-1,613.42
Check	08/31/2024	9826	Lutheran Disaster Response: <i>National</i>	-1,613.41
Check	08/31/2024	9827	Doctors Without Borders: <i>Global</i>	-1,613.41
Total 2185-00 · Endowment Fund - Payable				0.00
TOTAL				0.00

2024-2025 Endowment Committee:

- Ed Cleaver
- Ken DeAngelis
- Cliff Konnerth
- James Koppental
- Karen Sejban
- Lori Van der Stad
- Colleen Duffy, Council Liaison

ENDOWMENT RECIPIENTS' APPRECIATION

Jim Andreano, President of NJIC, sent the following in a text:

“Thanks so much for your generous donation of \$1,613.42 to North Jersey Interfaith Cares. It will be used to help the Rodriguez family attain sustainable independence – a path on which they are making great progress!

St. Timothy’s has been a great partner to NJIC and its predecessor organization for over a decade. I cherish our continued relationship.”

The Executive Director of the Market Street Mission also sent a note of gratitude. It is posted on the bulletin board to the right of the Godly Play classroom.

HEART N' HANDS



Catholic Charities Supportive Services for Veterans and Families in Paterson requested our help for their second Stand Down event of the year. The Stand Down will be held in Newark on Saturday, October 12. They will offer health care, medical screening, mental health services, legal assistance, housing opportunities and more. They served more than 200 homeless and recently housed veterans at their April Stand Down. We are grateful that we can assist them again.

Our sincere thanks to the congregation and Enowment Committee for your generous donation. This will allow us to provide men's and women's underwear, socks, t-shirts, protein bars, full size toiletries, and hundreds of shower, shave and dental care kits for their October Stand Down event.

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention." – Oscar Wilde

NJIC UPDATE FROM CLIFF KONNERTH

Hello St Tim,

Below is an update on the Rodriguez family from NJIC president Jim. If you can help in any way please let me know. – Cliff



Good day, good people. I am pleased to state that the Rodriguez family is making good progress on the path to sustainable independence. Wilmar (the father) has just secured employment at Christian Health Care Center in Wyckoff. The children are enrolled in school - the 11 year old daughter is quite the artist!

At this point the immediate needs of the family are:

- Transportation - For a short period of time at least, Wilmar and the family will need rides to work and elsewhere. Any volunteers who can provide the occasional ride are appreciated. Please let me know.
 - Car - Longer term, we will like to help them get a car. We are assessing our options here. If you have a car you are thinking about donating, or know someone who does, we need to talk!
 - Cash Donations - Always required, always appreciated. May be applied to the purchase of a used car if a suitable donated car is unavailable. We are happy to announce an anonymous donor will match all donations up to \$5,000 to aid this effort. Also, it will still be a while before the family can make their rent payments and other obligations. Donations can be made at northjerseyinterfaithcares.org, or to **PO Box 1131, Little Falls, NJ 07424.**
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This month's **Heart 'n Hands** collection item is travel size body wash or boxed soap.

Please keep this in mind when you are shopping.

You may place your donation in the blue bin near the front glass door on the classroom level.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Since August 15, gifts have been given to the General Memorial Fund in memory of: Joe Suarez, Dee Lender, Joyce Steible and Bernie Sparde; and to the Building Fund in memory of: Joe Suarez. Undesignated gifts in memory of Joe Suarez have been designated to the New Roof Fund. (Thank you, Liz, for the designation. It would surely have pleased Joe.)

Also, repayments have been made to the Schleer and Flanders Loan Funds.

There have been no Memorial purchases during the month. Paver application sheets are available in the narthex. Pavers may be engraved with the names of deceased loved ones, or left blank for future engraving. See Pat Winters for further information or assistance.



We also welcome contributions to the fund for on-going restoration and enhancement of our Church organ. Checks may be made to St. Timothy Memorial Fund, with the words "Organ Repair" on the memo line. .)



Please consider a gift to any branch of St. Timothy Memorial Fund – General Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Laubscher Property Fund, Memorial Garden Fund, Eternal Light Candle Fund, Flanders/Schleer Scholarship Loan Funds – or to Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Memorial giving is good giving!

DOOR SAFETY REMINDERS

Most doors of the various buildings are operated via a computer-controlled security system. Because of this, please do not prop any door open; simply let Deb know when to program entry. The main door to the sanctuary into the narthex should never be bolted closed. Separately, the door nearest the dumpster is still key operated and needs to be *physically locked* after use.

COFFEE HOUR IS GOING GREEN!

B Y  M

Bring Your Own Mug

Coffee hour returned on Sunday Sept 15th and we are now green. Bring in a mug that shows your style, reminds you of your favorite place or you just happen to have in the back of your pantry. Choose a cubby, label it with your name and your mug will be there for you every week. (Think of all the money we'll save not buying paper cups!)



Speaking of Coffee Hour, sign-ups for hosting are now available! See the bulletin board for the paper version or click [HERE](#) on the electronic version to claim your slot online!

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Melinda's Memory Talk & Lunch ~ October 6th

Learn how family members can care for loved ones with diminished memory through music therapy October 6th in Fellowship Hall.

Melinda Burgard, a music therapist with decades of experience working with elderly people experiencing memory loss, will come for a luncheon discussion around caring for family members experiencing those challenges.



These programs are intended to be outreach to the community, so if you know anyone interested, please make sure they hear about it.

Let us know you're coming: see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or simply [click HERE](#) do so online. There is no cost; we just need to ensure enough lunch provisions!

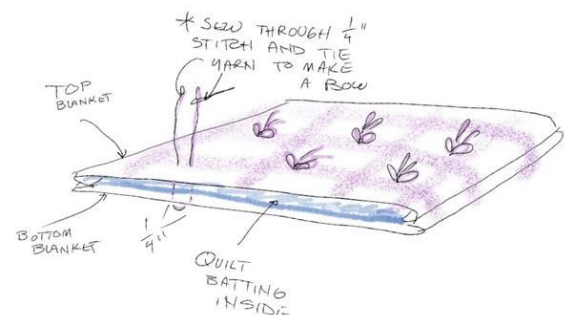
Knit & Crochet Group ~ October 9th & October 23rd



Nellie's Knit & Crochet group starts back after a summer hiatus. The crafters meet twice a month, on the second & fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:30am to about noon. Beginners welcome!

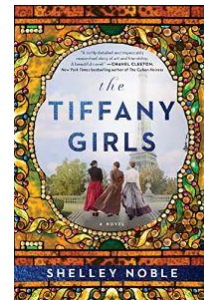
Sew, pin or tie together quilts for charity and shut-ins. Quilt top kits are available in Fellowship Hall to pick up and do at home at your leisure. If sewing is not your thing, you can still help by tying the knots that secure the layers of the quilt together.

See Barbara Kaplan with questions



Bookworms ~ October 12th

New York Times bestselling author Shelley Noble wows with a gripping story about the real-life “Tiffany Girls,” a fascinating and largely unknown group of women artists behind Tiffany’s most legendary glassworks. This historical fiction novel set in the Gilded Age of New York City is a perfect gift for any woman interested in art, history, or strong women breaking the glass ceiling of their era. Read the full publisher’s notes [HERE](#).



For Bookworms information, contact Barbara Westerberg at 973.696.1471 on how to join in the friendly discussion.

Happy reading!

Family & Youth apple picking ~ October 13



All Middle & High School students, their families and friends are invited for a fun-filled Fall apple picking trip. We will begin at church after the 10:30am service with pizza for lunch before heading to Race Farms in Blairstown, NJ. There will also be pumpkin doughnuts, apple cider and other treats available!

Sign-up today by [clicking HERE](#) on the electronic version or via paper on the bulletin board at church!

See Gloria Cooper if you have any questions.

Hymn Sing @ SpringHills ~ October 16th

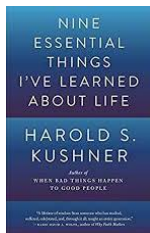
Our group of stalwart singers make their monthly visit to SpringHills Post Acute Care center at 1120 Alps Road. Meeting in the lobby at 10am where residents join in for about an hour of joyful song.



All are welcome to lend their voices!

Please reach out to Carolyn Russo if you're interested in attending!

Adult Book Group ~ October 17th



We are reading & discussing *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life* by Rabbi Harold Kushner. Discussions are singular and can be joined at any point. All are welcome, please join us, Thursday, October 17th at 10:30am in the parlor.

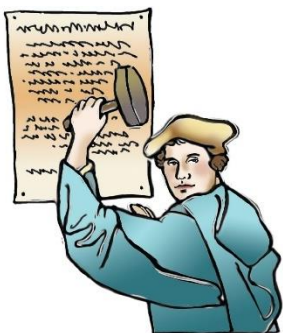
Contact Art or Sandy DeRose for more information!

Annual Budget Meeting ~ October 27th

Mark your calendar to attend this brief annual meeting for review and vote on the 2025 annual budget. The meeting takes place in the sanctuary directly following 10:30am Worship on October 27th.



Reformation Sunday Brunch ~ October 27th



In 1517, Martin Luther posted 95 thoughts about God, the church, and faith on a Wittenberg, Germany church door. He hoped people in his college town would read his words and engage in a lively and local debate. It turned out to be a little more than that! We are heirs of his legacy and we celebrate the birth of the Lutheran Christian movement, how else, but with tasty food!

Everyone is invited to a potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall following the budget meeting. Dig out your favorite Fall recipe and commit to bring a dish today! A paper RSVP & donation sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at church or you can go online right now by [clicking HERE!](#)



Reformation Potluck

NEXT MONTH

All Saints Sunday



All Saints' Day

November 3rd will mark our annual remembrance of loved ones who have departed this life.

A memorial table will be set up in the narthex for photos of those who passed **during the past year** (*since our last All Saints observance on November 5, 2023*). You may bring a photo of your saint and place it on the table.

Boy Scouts Troop 107 Christmas Wreath Sale

Details will follow, but please note that the troop will again sell wreaths towards the end of November with easy pick-up here at church.



10/1 Lauren Bedi	10/20 Nathaniel Kaplan
10/5 Conrad Brassel	10/21 Josh Abrahamson
10/5 Lisa Koppenal	10/21 Amber Rusin
10/7 Henry McGrath	10/24 Eleanor Germann
10/10 Kathryn Jones-Smith	10/24 Pam Richardson
10/12 Maddie Schloesser	10/25 John Steible
10/17 Terri Loftus	10/29 Robert Gerding
10/18 Pat Zangrilli	10/31 Connie Venturelli



10/11 Melissa & Steven Pardalis
10/16 Cindy & Christopher Gaffney
10/21 Julia Suarez & David Hayes
10/26 Karen & Tom Sajban
10/26 Claire & Larry Zimmerman

Should you be on this list, and you're not??

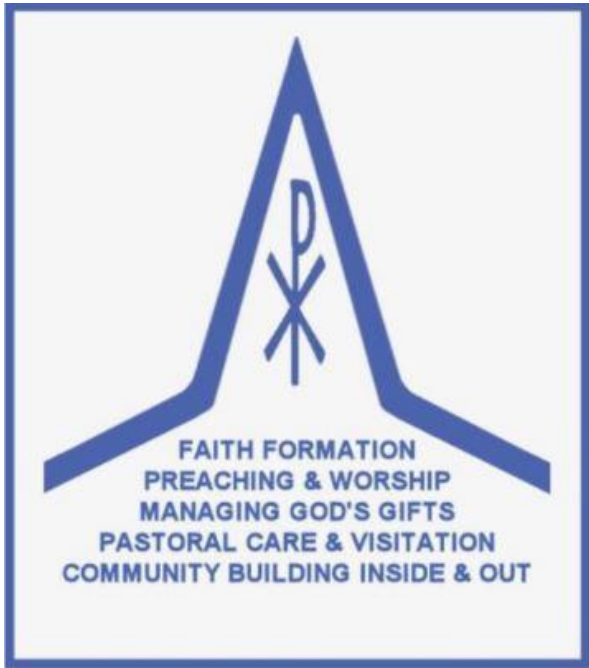
Please email Deb at st.tims395@yahoo.com

or call the office at 973-694-8316!




DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader	A/V
Oct. 6	Ilona Oosterwyk Terri Loftus	Ken & Diana DeAngelis	Samantha Scillieri	Art DeRose	Robin Koegel	Compton Cooper
Oct. 13	Lori VanDerStad Diana DeAngelis	Lori VanDerStad Tom Sajban	Lillian Johnsson	Laura Dec	Colleen Duffy	Karen Sajban
Oct. 20	Nancy Farina	James & Lisa Koppenal	Andrew Koppenal	Lori VanDerStad	Anne Loffredo	James Koppenal
Oct. 27	Karen Sajban Debbie Andersen	Ken & Diana DeAngelis	Kaila Gabel	Karen McAleer	Karen Sajban	Craig Beyer

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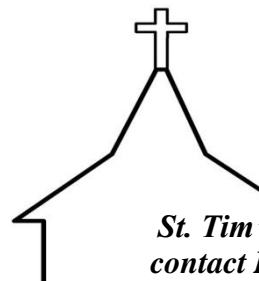
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